

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By Vice Chairman Debbie Barrett, on January 21, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dan Villa, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Amy Carlson, OBPP  
Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary  
Nancy Hall, OBPP  
Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
Suzan Scott, OBPP

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: Agency Budget Overview & Budget  
Hearing:  
Montana University System  
Two-Year Education  
Community Colleges

Executive Action: None

**MEETING WITH MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

00:00:17 Pam Joehler, LFD  
00:00:26 Sheila Stearns, Office of the Commissioner of Higher  
Education(OCHE)  
00:03:19 Steve Barrett, Attorney, Board of Regents  
00:27:41 Sen. Barrett  
00:27:53 Ms. Stearns

**EXHIBIT(jeh14a01)**

00:33:16 Tyler Trevor, OCHE  
00:40:58 Chairman Villa  
00:41:07 Ms. Stearns  
00:53:55 Mick Robinson, OCHE  
01:06:36 Mary Sheehy Moe, OCHE

**EXHIBIT(jeh14a02)**

01:11:54 Mr. Trevor  
01:14:46 Ms. Stearns

01:16:48 Break  
01:35:28 Reconvene

01:35:40 Chairman Villa

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

01:35:59 Sen. Barrett  
01:36:39 Mr. Trevor  
01:37:16 Sen. Barrett  
01:38:01 Mr. Trevor  
01:38:33 Sen. Hawks  
01:39:23 Amy Carlson, OBPP  
01:41:04 Sen. Hawks  
01:41:35 Ms. Carlson  
01:42:09 Chairman Villa

**MEETING ON TWO-YEAR EDUCATION**

01:42:41 Ms. Moe

**EXHIBIT(jeh14a03)**

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

02:07:35 Sen. Hawks  
02:09:07 Ms. Moe  
02:10:55 Chairman Villa

**MEETING WITH MONTANA COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

02:11:28 Stefani Hicswa, President, Miles Community  
College (MCC)  
02:19:56 Jim Carghill, President, Dawson Community College (DCC)  
02:30:57 Jane Karas, President, Flathead Valley Community  
College (FVCC)

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

02:38:35 Sen. Hawks  
02:39:06 Ms. Karas  
02:39:25 Chairman Villa

**Public Comment on all Programs:**

02:39:57 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT  
02:44:22 William Marcus, General Manager, KUFM/Montana  
Public Broadcasting Service (MT PBS)

**EXHIBIT(jeh14a04)**

02:47:53 Trish Larson, MT PBS  
02:48:35 Jennifer Jeffries Thompson, MT PBS  
02:50:22 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company  
02:52:46 Rep. Bill McChesney, Representative, HD 40  
02:56:45 Krissy Murnin, Student Body President, MCC  
02:59:35 Trevor Hunter, President of Montana Association of  
Students and Student President of University of Montana  
03:03:42 Roger Pillsbury, Student, Flathead Valley Community  
College (FVCC)  
03:09:00 Marieke Simon, Student, FVCC  
03:11:38 Tim Butterfield, President Student Government, FVCC  
03:14:41 Alanna Handford, Student, FVCC  
03:17:22 Tracy Lost-Bear, Editor-in-Chief of college  
newspaper, FVCC  
03:22:05 Don Skare, Employee and Graduate, FVCC  
03:24:06 Tom McElwain, Member, Board of Trustee, FVCC  
03:28:38 Bob Nystuen, Vice-Chair of Board of Trustees, FVCC  
03:34:50 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8  
03:40:03 Rep. Frosty Calf Boss Ribs, HD 15  
03:40:47 Victoria Clark, Spokesperson, Bitterroot Valley  
Community College Effort  
03:49:22 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, SD 21  
03:51:12 Chairman Villa

**PRESENTATION ON PROGRAM 9 - APPROPRIATION DISTRIBUTION OF STATE  
FUNDS TO EDUCATIONAL UNITS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RESEARCH AGENCIES**

03:51:56 Ms. Joehler

**EXHIBIT(jeh14a05)**

**Questions from the Committee:** None

**PRESENTATION ON PROGRAM 4 - STATE DISTRIBUTION FOR  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES.**

04:08:00 Ms. Joeehler  
04:12:44 Ms. Carlson  
04:18:16 Chairman Villa

**Questions from Committee and Responses:**

04:18:24 Sen. Hawks  
04:19:52 Ms. Carlson  
04:21:36 Sen. Hawks  
04:22:20 Ms. Carlson  
04:23:06 Sen. Hawks  
04:23:45 Ms. Carlson  
04:24:07 Rep. Hollandsworth  
04:24:55 Ms. Moe  
04:25:15 Rep. Glaser  
04:27:54 Ms. Carlson  
04:28:46 Chairman Villa  
04:30:29 Sen. Barrett  
04:30:55 Ms. Carlson

**ADJOURNMENT**

04:31:46 Adjournment

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SHIRLEY CHOVANAK, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jeh14aad.pdf](#))**